

Thursday Keynote Speaker – Friday November 8th, 2019
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm (1.0CE)

Ken Johnson

The Power of Hope to Transform Your Attitude and Elevate Your Altitude

Abstract: Ken Johnson shares his inspiring story of incredible transformation. Born into poverty in Los Angeles and growing up in inner city Dallas, Ken and his family moved over 18 times before he graduated high school. Surrounded by drugs, alcohol, extreme poverty, there was little hope that Ken would become anything except another urban statistic. During his presentation, Ken will talk about how he learned to focus on finding and bringing out the best in others, and by so doing, focusing on hope and its meaning in serving others in the community. Ken will conclude by drawing out the implications of concentrating on hope to support the work for Christians in social work.

Outline: Topics to be addressed and timeline within the 60 minute presentation.

- Introduction— (5 min)
- Setting the scene: Ken's early life (10 min)
- Going no place fast (10 min)
- Two key factors leading to resiliency: a loving mother as a virtuous role model and learning to work together through competitive sports (15 min)
- Tapping hope to serving others in my life and my community (10 min)
- Implications for social workers (5 min)

Learning Objectives: *As a result of this presentation participants will be able to:*

- Describe factors that lead to resiliency even in the most challenging life settings
- Articulate how hope, when channeled properly, can be a powerful force in serving others
- Outline how Christian faith can provide hope in myriad circumstances

Primary Audience: Social workers and related professionals; social work students; human services professionals; clergy

Content Level: Basic

Number of Continuing Education Contact Hours: 1.0

Bio Information:

Ken Johnson is the current the Chaplain of the Indianapolis Colts. He is also the founder and president of Eagles Wings through which he delivers inspirational presentations to thousands of people each year. Ken is also an ordained pastor for a church he planted called New Heights Church.

As a young adult, Ken served his country in the military, and then went on to become a police officer for six years in inner city neighborhoods of Tulsa, Oklahoma. After his work as a police officer, Ken worked with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Ken resides in Indianapolis, Indiana with his wife Della and three adult children.